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SUBJECT: EGYPT: UNESCO CONVENTION ON CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS,
IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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According to our observations and comments from MFA contacts, we believe that there has been no effort to date by the Government of Egypt to take legislative action on the UNESCO Convention on Cultural Expressions (reftel). We also have no indications that the GOE will take steps to ratify the convention at any time in the near term. Media attention on the subject has been virtually non-existent, to our knowledge. In general, there has been no public debate on this topic.

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